

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



June 16, 1999

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-40-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICE
 PROGRAM MANAGERS
 ALL JUVENILE COURT JUDGES
 ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES AND
 STATE ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Changes
 Federal Law or Regulation
 Change
 Court Order or Settlement
 Agreement
 Clarification Requested by
 One or More Counties
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: UPDATED STATUS OF THE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PAYMENT
 (Kin-GAP) PROGRAM (SB 1901, CHAPTER 1055, STATUTES OF 1998)

REFERENCE: ACIN I-27-99

As you know, SB 1901 (Chapter 1055, Statutes of 1998) established a July 1, 1999 implementation date for the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) program. We recognize that counties have been anxious to know the status of the implementation plan. In response, we are sending this notice to alert you that proposed budget trailer bill language has been approved by the Legislature and is pending signature by the Governor that will change the implementation date and the rate for the program. The proposed language includes the following:

- Implementation of the Kin-GAP program on January 1, 2000. **Children whose dependencies are dismissed prior to January 1, 2000 will not be eligible for the Kin-GAP program.**
- A Kin-GAP program rate that will be 100% of the basic foster family home rate (with no specialized care increments).

If you have any questions about the rate, implementation date, or basic program requirements, please call Shantel Hill of the Foster Care Policy Bureau at (916) 445-2886. If you have any questions about eligibility issues, please call the Foster Care Program Development Bureau at (916) 324-5809.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By Del Sayles-Owen
 on June 16, 1999***

DEL SAYLES-OWEN
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